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Subject: Comment from CRC DraftEIS Comments Page
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Person:

Other - Live in Portland

Person commutes in the travel area via:

Bicycle

Car or Truck

Other - never during commute hrs

1. In Support of the following bridge options:

Do Nothing



2. In Support of the following High Capacity Transit options:

Light Rail between Vancouver and Portland

3. Support of Bus Rapid Transit or Light Rail by location:

Lincoln Terminus: No Opinion

Kiggins Bowl Terminus: No Opinion

Mill Plain (MOS) Terminus: No Opinion

Clark College (MOS) Terminus: No Opinion

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Comments:

There are many problems with the proposed bridge replacement options. First of all the existing bridges represent valuable infrastructure that should not be wasted in these days of evaporating funds. I strongly support immediate bridge tolls to begin the huge and uncertain process of raising money for improvements. We need to discourage commuting across the bridges rather than encourage it. We need a climate smart solution. Adding more and more traffic is not the answer. There is no reason to think that added capacity will not be immediately consumed; this is a basic principle of freeway expansion. Long distance auto commuting and diesel-fueled long distance trucking are both destined to diminish in the near future and in fact they already are.

A light rail connection, possibly on a new bridge makes sense. Bicycle crossing should be improved and encouraged. The existing bridges should be preserved and upgraded as needed and tolls levied.